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The conclusion is inevitable from facts submitted elsewhere, that a Marylander enjoys the unique distinction of a dealer in Virginia licenses, and an oyster inspector of Virginia seems to have been the instrument through whom he has operated in playing his trade. The Virginia official may be able to explain how John Cox has secured through him licenses for forty non-resident tongmen or more, and he ought to be permitted to do so, but, in giving his explanation, he ought to be required also to state, whether Geo. Sterling and the other forty tongmen applied for registration and license to take oysters with ordinary oyster tongs and made oath before him, as the law requires, of being a resident of the State, etc. Sterling says that he did not, but that Cox secured the license for himself and all of the other Marylanders, and if his statement be true, then the inspector of Gloucester county has either ignorantly or fraudulently exceeded his authority. If the application and oath necessary to secure a license can be made through another person and Cox made them for Sterling and others, then Cox has either perjured himself, or the inspector has not administered the oath as the law requires. Viewing the question as we may, whatever the means by which Cox has been invested with the power of peddling Virginia licenses, an investigation seems necessary and Capt. Costin deserves the thanks of the Commonwealth for his vigilance as an officer in exposing the fraud, and thereby preventing it, it is to be hoped, the wholesale depredation upon our oyster beds which seem to have been intended.

Gen. Green Clay Smith, who died in Washington, last Saturday, had a chequered career. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and the war between the States, had been a member of the Legislature of Kentucky and in Congress, was a candidate for the Republican nomination for vice-President in 1874, and at the time of his death was pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington. He could not have said, perhaps, like his distinguished relative, Henry Clay, "that he would rather be right than President," but he would have said, "that he would rather be right than President."

The details of a great race of horseless carriages in France of late, are now being commented upon pretty generally by the Press of this country and are attracting a great deal of the attention of its readers. The vehicles entered in the race comprised eighteen carriages, run by petroleum, steam, &c., and two bicyclettes, the first carriage to arrive at the end of the journey covering the distance of about 365 miles in 23 hours and 28 minutes, or in about 15 miles an hour. The test was not made without accidents, but for the most part was considered a success, and was so satisfactory as to be accepted by many as a liberal fulfillment of the prediction of Mother Shipton's ancient prophecy, "that horses without carriages shall go."

The Richmond Dispatch, which reached us on Wednesday, was printed on one of the most perfect of Hoe's web perfecting presses, the only thing lacking in that office, it seems, to enable it to keep step with the great papers of the country. It has long been regarded by many as the leading paper in Virginia, and the improvements, which are being constantly made in the office and in the matter and make-up of the paper, prove that its proprietors do not propose for it to be disappointed to its friends. It is a clean and model newspaper and can always be relied on to uphold and advocate at all times what is best for the interests of Virginia. The present indications of its prosperity will be gratifying to the local press of the State generally.

Dr. Buchanan, the wife murderer, twice convicted, and after many respite and reprieves, has at last received the punishment he seems to have so well deserved. Every means legal and technical was exhausted by his counsel to cheat the electric chair, but the law's delays in this instance did not defeat the ends of justice. He was electrocuted at Sing Sing, N. Y., last Monday morning.

Another record has been broken. A couple were married on a Baltimore and Ohio train while it was standing in front of the station at Staunton, Va., on last Monday. The parson who accomplished the feat had less than a minute to tie the nuptial knot, but he "got there," pronouncing the benediction just as the train was pulling out.

The recently completed real estate assessment in Petersburg shows an increase of \$413,556 in values compared with 1890.

### The President's Health.

It is a fact that a physician or an army surgeon is in almost constant attendance upon the president. It is denied that he is ill, and he certainly looks well. But those in his immediate surroundings have recently admitted that not many weeks ago he had an attack of rheumatism in the chest which threatened the heart, from the fatal effect of which it is said that Dr. O'Reilly only saved his life with great difficulty.

It may not be necessary that a physician should be in constant attendance upon the president, but it is known that he is very apprehensive as to his own condition, and that he prefers that Dr. O'Reilly or Dr. Henshaw should be near him. It is a fact that the president does not go on a journey, however short, unless Dr. O'Reilly is of the party.

Even on the short fishing trips there is generally a person in the party who is described as "unknown" or "stranger," who it is afterward discovered was Dr. O'Reilly. This army surgeon is not only an excellent physician, but he is said to have a rare skill as a massage operator. This is a useful process to which the president is much addicted when fatigued or worried.

It is because the president desires to build up his health as much as he can that it is not surprising that he does not expect to return to Washington until October, and that he will devote time to farming as well as to fishing. The Gray Gables estate, it is said, is to be the president's permanent home, and for that purpose is being converted into a farm as well as a mere summer place.—Washington Cor. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Another Steamship, to Cost \$500,000, to Be Built at Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., June 30.—The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company has secured an order for the construction of a \$500,000 steel passenger and freight steamship for the Crownwell Line, the vessels of which ply between New York and New Orleans. The steamer is to be 375 feet long, 44 feet beam and 33 feet deep, with a single funnel, and will have a horsepower of 1,500 and modern improvements. There will be accommodations for 150 steerage and 74 cabin passengers. Her speed will be not less than fifteen knots an hour. The vessel will be ready for delivery in eight months, or at about the same time the big Plant Line steamer is to be completed. As soon as a good start is made on the two vessels, the total cost of which will be more than \$1,000,000, five or six hundred men will be added to the force now at work at the plant. The shipyard has more work at present than at any time since its establishment.

Census of the Churches.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The census report, covering the statistics of churches, which has just come from the census bureau, shows that there are 143 distinct denominations in the United States, besides independent churches and miscellaneous congregations. The total of communicants of all denominations is 20,612,899, who belong to 163,177 organizations or congregations. These congregations have 143,221 edifices, which have sittings for 42,564,863 persons. The value of all church property used exclusively for purposes of worship is \$678,850,159. There are 111,329 regular ministers, not including lay preachers. There are five bodies which have more than one million communicants each, and ten more than five hundred thousand. The leading denominations have the following communicants in round numbers: Catholic, 6,350,000; Methodist, 4,600,000; Baptist, 3,000,000; Presbyterian, 2,500,000; Protestant Episcopal, 1,500,000.

Why Physicians Use an "R."

A woman of an investigating turn of mind started out the other day to discover why physicians begin their prescriptions with the letter "R."—Well, she found out, but it took time and caused her some trouble. It seems that during the middle ages, when astrology was in fashion, a character very much like our "R" was the sign of Jupiter, the preserver of health. The physicians, being then equally devoted to the science of medicine and astrology, invariably began their prescriptions with the following words: "In the name of Jupiter take the following doses in the order set down hereinafter." In the course of time this formula was abbreviated until a prescription only the letter "R" remains to teach us that the medical art was once associated with the science of the stars.—Boston Traveler.

The Decrease Continues to be Small.

Colonel Morton Mayne, the Auditor of Public Accounts, has received complete returns from the following eight additional counties, concerning the new assessment of the valuation of real estate: Dickinson, Floyd, Nelson, Highland, Bath, Accomac, and Pulaski. The complete reports of the new assessment from twenty-five of the one hundred counties in this State show the following: The aggregate of the old assessment in these counties was \$24,383,715, against \$29,573,443 of the new assessment, showing a reduction of \$5,189,728, or 21.3 per cent.—Richmond Times.

Rainmaking a Humbug.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, June 28.—Frank Melbourne, the erstwhile Western "rain king," whose services were in such urgent demand in the West two or three years ago is located in this city. In speaking of his experience as a rainmaker Melbourne admitted that the whole thing was a humbug and that he never possessed any more power in that respect than any other man. He says the American people like to be humbugged, and the greater the fake the easier it is to work it. Mr. Melbourne made a fortune in the business and spent it.

A Draft for One Cent for the President.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Probably the smallest draft ever issued by the government was drawn yesterday. It was for one cent, and was made payable to Grover Cleveland, President of the United States. It appears that in calculating the cost of the draft due the President each month there has been an under payment of one cent, which could be rectified and the treasury books kept straight only by drawing a warrant for that amount in the President's favor.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Norfolk's new assessment shows an increase of values of almost two million dollars.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed to-day have been found in great numbers in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, glass, agate, marble and other semi-precious stones.

Robert Strong, who hanged Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, and who has acted in a similar capacity at most of the executions in the District for a quarter of a century, died in Washington Saturday, aged 54 years.

To find a city in two States, with two Mayors, two court-houses, and two public school systems, is an unusual experience, but the city of Bristol, on the border line between Virginia and Tennessee, is the one possessing these characteristics.

Hon. Lewis McKenzie, of Alexandria, is dead. He was born in Alexandria in 1810. Councilman, alderman, county court judge, Mayor, postmaster, delegate in the Virginia Legislature, and representative in Congress were positions he had filled.

Four hundred and thirteen different species of trees grow in the various States and Territories of the United States and of this number sixteen, when perfectly seasoned, will sink in water. These woods of high specific gravity grow mostly in the arid regions of New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada.

In a recent report of the Agricultural Department farmers are cautioned to refrain from waging a general war of extermination of crows and blackbirds. While at times they injure crops, their depredations, according to the Department, can usually be prevented. On the other hand they do incalculable good by destroying insects.

The replacing of the Lower Cedar Point light-house on the Potomac river has commenced. It will cost \$75,000 when completed. But \$25,000 is available, and that is enough for the present year's operations. Next winter Congress will be asked to appropriate the additional sum of \$50,000.

The recent raid on sugar stock, which carried prices down three points in a short time is followed by the announcement that the Baltimore Sugar Refining Company, which is a competitor of the American Company's, has decided to issue additional stock to rebuild the refinery at Curtis Bay, which will be made one of the most complete plants in the United States, and have a daily capacity of 1,500 barrels.

It has not as yet been decided when the annual meeting of the Virginia Farmers' Alliance will be held this year. The Alliance is not in so flourishing a condition as it was a few years ago, when its influence was felt all over the State. It is quite likely that the meeting this year will be held in some small town, where the expenses of the delegates will not be so great. Dr. B. L. Winston, of Hanover, is president of the Alliance.

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